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BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

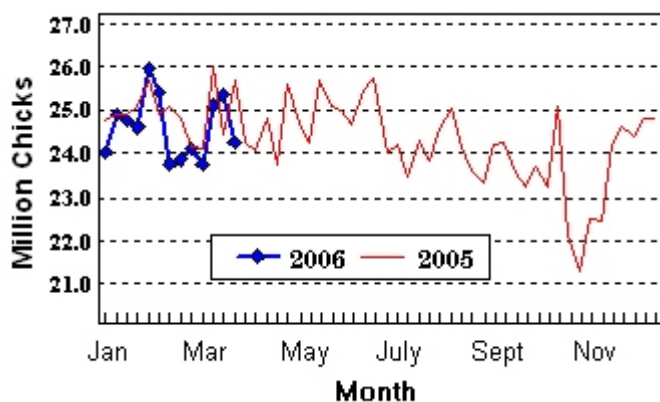
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending April 1, 2006. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2005, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

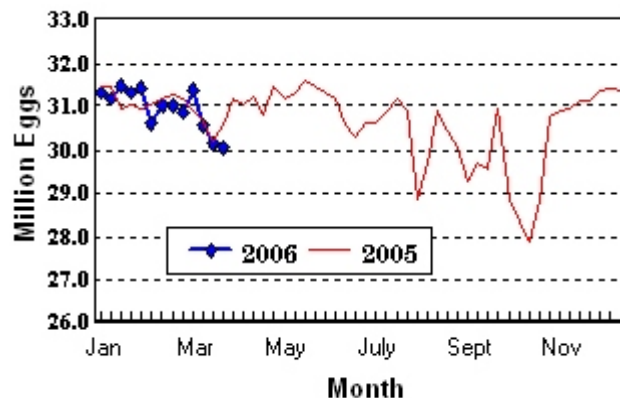
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 1, 2006, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Pre. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Feb. 25	24,831	23,863	96	25,908	26,109	101	31,285	31,029	99
Mar. 4	24,187	24,141	100	25,946	25,449	98	31,198	30,868	99
Mar. 11	24,126	23,761	98	26,142	25,821	99	30,893	31,376	102
Mar. 18	26,004	25,114	97	26,406	25,709	97	30,683	30,561	100
Mar. 25	24,483	25,367	104	26,218	25,556	97	30,196	30,151	100
Apr. 1	25,689	24,248	94	26,122	26,005	100	30,537	30,034	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2005-2006



EGGS SET, 2005 - 2006



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2006

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending					Week Ending						
	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	%1/	25-Feb	04-Mar	11-Mar	18-Mar	25-Mar	01-Apr	%1/
Alabama	31,827 *	31,629 *	31,790	30,962	100	21,339	21,298	21,608	22,039 *	21,700	21,923	102
ARKANSAS	31,376 *	30,561	30,151	30,034	98	23,863	24,141	23,761	25,114 *	25,367 *	24,248	94
Delaware	3,742	3,781	3,620 *	3,519	89	5,648	5,207	6,049	5,319	6,002 *	6,235	126
Florida	1,369	1,365	1,364	1,366	101	1,498	1,494	1,451	1,541	1,536 *	1,471	94
Georgia	34,980	34,004	34,822 *	35,004	110	27,129	27,560	28,060	27,986	28,573 *	27,947	102
Kentucky	7,154	6,763	7,124	7,239	103	5,913	4,925	6,435	5,815	5,741	6,047	100
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	3,756	4,058	97	4,174	3,806	4,048	3,830	3,831	4,149	108
Maryland	8,980	8,964	8,632 *	8,870	104	5,022	5,194	4,949	5,091	4,852 *	4,820	84
Mississippi	18,439	18,326	18,528	18,393	94	16,428	16,541	16,272	16,514	16,428	16,490	93
N. Carolina	18,936 *	18,603	18,043	18,727	100	15,346	15,346	15,577	15,839	15,323	15,597	103
Oklahoma	6,657	6,698 *	6,659	6,408	102	5,391	5,242	5,205	4,186 *	5,095	5,319	103
Pennsylvania	4,118	4,052	3,746	4,102	101	2,732	2,844	2,730	2,986	2,936	3,118	100
S. Carolina	5,425	5,171	5,382	5,027	97	4,338	5,152	4,611	4,721	4,849 *	4,497	106
Texas	15,184	15,180	13,455	15,062	98	12,622	12,920	12,885	13,071	13,101	13,055	101
Virginia	6,644	6,607	6,561	6,563	98	5,092	5,235	5,110	5,646	5,098	4,916	92
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,942	17,863	17,972 *	18,100	99	16,607	16,756	17,033	17,668	16,452 *	17,527	106
Total 2005	216,909 *	213,703 *	211,605 *	213,434		173,142	173,661	175,784	177,366 *	176,884 *	177,359	
Total 2004	213,629	213,135	212,819	212,425		176,799	176,267	176,772	176,235	176,843	176,671	
% of Prev. Year	102	100	99	100		98	99	99	101	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006.....						15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr	06-May	13-May	20-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 1, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 1, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 1, 2006 were 2.28 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.